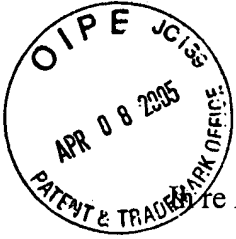


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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the cited English-language documents are not enclosed.

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JP 7-125241 and JP 7-125240 is cited in the specification at page 3, and JP 6-183023 is cited at page 4. These documents are believed to be pertinent for the reasons noted therein. In addition, U.S. Patent No. 5,600,358 is believed to be the English-language counterpart of JP 7-125241, and U.S. Patent No. 5,409,134 is believed to be the English-language counterpart of JP 7-125240. Copies of the cited Japanese documents, as well as English-language abstracts therefor, are enclosed.

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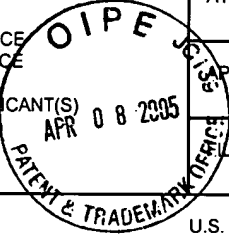
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